

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A shutter unit for a disc cartridge comprising:

a shutter unit for opening/ closing an aperture of a disc cartridge, having a disc accommodated in the inside thereof, said aperture serving for exposing a portion of a recording area of said disc to outside;

a lock unit member rotationally mounted to said shutter unit and adapted for rotationally engaging with an engagement part provided to said disc cartridge; and

biasing means for biasing said shutter unit in a direction of engaging said lock unit member with said an engagement part provided to said disc cartridge, wherein said lock member comprises an elongated plate-shaped member which includes a thrust part on one side and an engagement piece on an opposite side, wherein said thrust part is adapted for rotationally engaging a connecting piece provided to said shutter unit and said engagement piece is adapted for rotationally engaging said engagement part.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A disc cartridge comprising:

a disc;

a main cartridge body unit having said disc rotatably housed therein and including an aperture for exposing a part of said disc across the inner and outer rims of the disc;

a shutter unit mounted movably to said main cartridge body unit for opening or closing said aperture;

a lock unit member for locking said shutter unit in a position of closing said aperture;

an engagement part provided to said main cartridge body unit for rotational engagement by said lock member; and

a biasing member for biasing said lock unit member in a direction of engaging with said engagement part, wherein said lock member comprises an elongated plate-shaped member which includes a thrust part on one side and an engagement piece on an opposite side, wherein said thrust part is adapted for rotationally engaging a connecting piece provided to said shutter unit and said engagement piece is adapted for rotationally engaging said engagement part.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The disc cartridge according to claim 2 wherein said lock ~~unit-member~~ is rotated by a shutter unit movement controlling means so as to be disengaged from said engagement part, said shutter unit movement controlling means being mounted to a recording and/or reproducing apparatus for controlling the movement of said shutter unit relative to said main cartridge body unit.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 2 wherein an inserting end of said main cartridge body unit into a recording and/or reproducing apparatus is a substantially semicircular arcuate section, centered about the center of said disc, accommodated in said main cartridge body unit, said aperture being formed for opening to a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as said arcuate section.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 4 wherein said shutter unit is moved along the lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as said arcuate section for opening/ closing a recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:
a cartridge holder into which is inserted a disc cartridge including a disc, a main cartridge body unit having said disc rotatably housed therein and including an aperture for exposing a part of said disc across the inner and outer rims of the disc, a shutter unit mounted movably to said main cartridge body unit for opening or closing said aperture, a lock ~~unit-member~~ for locking said shutter unit in a position of closing said aperture, an engagement part provided to said main cartridge body unit for rotational engagement by asaid lock member, and a biasing member for biasing said lock ~~unit-member~~ in a direction of engaging with said engagement part;

a shutter unit movement controlling part provided to one side of said cartridge holder;
and

a recording and/or reproducing unit for recording and/or reproducing the information from said disc cartridge introduced into said cartridge holder; wherein:

said lock member comprises an elongated plate-shaped member which includes a thrust part on one side and an engagement piece on an opposite side, wherein said thrust part is adapted

for rotationally engaging a connecting piece provided to said shutter unit and said engagement piece is adapted for rotationally engaging said engagement part; and

said lock ~~unit-being~~member is adapted to be rotated by said shutter unit movement controlling part when said disc cartridge is introduced into said cartridge holder to release the engagement by said engagement part.